

RESOLUTION ON DIVISION OF FEES.

The matter of secret division of fees between the surgeon and the practitioner referring a patient to the surgeon or specialist, has been under consideration by the Board of Councilors for some time. While this practice is not widespread nor prevalent, it appears nevertheless, if information which has come to the Board of Councilors is correct, that some members of the Association seem to be unaware that such secret division of fees is contrary to the ethics of the organization.

On that account a special committee was appointed to more fully investigate and report on this matter, and the resolutions which they submitted were adopted as the sense of the Board of Councilors, and were later unanimously adopted by the Association.

There is no objection to any division of fees for services rendered, which the patient understands, but there is decided objection to any method whereby one surgeon can make a bid for business by offering a larger "division" or "commission."

The resolutions adopted are as follows:

Whereas, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Councilors of the Los Angeles County Medical Association that the secret division of fees between the surgeon and the general practitioner referring a patient to the surgeon, has existed and still prevails among some members of this Association; and

Whereas, Such secret division of fees tends to place a premium upon the cupidity of the surgeon rather than upon his skill, judgment and ability as an operator, and is subversive of good ethics and the highest consideration of the patient's welfare; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Councilors of this Association expresses its condemnation of any division of fees between a surgeon or specialist and the general practitioner referring the patient, without the full knowledge and understanding of such division by the patient; and to this end the Councilors recommend that the general practitioner referring the patient shall have a larger recognition by the surgeon before the patient, for the services which such physician has rendered in making the diagnosis and in his attention to the patient previous to the operation, as well as at the time the operation is performed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Councilors of this Association shall in future consider instances of the secret division of fees between surgeon and physician a sufficient ethical cause for the trial and expulsion of any member of this Association; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and that a copy be sent to each member of this Association, to the Secretary of each County Medical Association in California, and to the Secretary of the Medical Society of the State of California.

ANDREW STEWART LOBINGIER,
Chairman.

STANLEY P. BLACK,
ALBERT SOILAND.

THE LATE DR. GEORGE GOODFELLOW.

Dr. Goodfellow died in Los Angeles on Dec. 7, 1910, after an illness of several months. His father was a physician, but practiced only for a short time, and then took up mining, spending many years of his life on the frontier and in mining regions. Thus Dr. Goodfellow received an early training in the adventurous life incident to his father's wanderings.

He graduated in medicine in 1876, and was licensed in California in 1879. For many years he practiced in Arizona at Tombstone and Tucson, during which years he was the Southern Pacific Railway surgeon in Arizona. Later he became chief surgeon of the Harriman Lines in Mexico.

At the time of the Spanish-American war, he was appointed on General Shafter's staff, and distinguished himself highly.

Dr. Goodfellow was one of the earliest men to develop abdominal surgery for gunshot wounds, and was probably the first man to perform perineal prostatectomy. Aside from his professional affiliations and friendships, he leaves a host of warm personal friends for there was about Dr. Goodfellow an intangible something that attracted people to him and held their liking and their friendship.

NEW AND NON-OFFICIAL REMEDIES.

Since October 1 the following articles have been accepted by the Council for New and Non-official Remedies:

Theophyllin Sodium Acetate (Merck & Co.).

Syrup Thiocol Roche' (Hoffmann-La Roche Chemical Works).

Protan and Opium Tablets No. 1 (H. K. Mulford Co.).

Protan and Opium Tablets No. 2 (H. K. Mulford Co.).

NEW MEMBERS.

Joyce, E. F., Winters.

Ward, E. K., Arbuckle.

Holleran, J. F., Los Angeles.

Kidder, F. W. K., Los Angeles.

Stadfield, C. G., Los Angeles.

Cook, C. W., Los Angeles.

Bowman, W. B., Los Angeles.

Thomas, J. B., Santa Cruz.

Henderson, D. E., Pomona, Cal.

Mueller, A. C., Marysville.

Davy, R. B., Downieville.

Rasor, Claire, Woodland.

Scott, F., Belvedere.

Lee, Helen, San Jose.

Ryan, F. S., San Jose.

Wortmann, H., Alaska.

RESIGNED.

Van Allen, L. K.

DEATHS.

Westfall, Ashbury, Monterey.

Goodfellow, G. E., Los Angeles.

Hughes, Jerome, A., Mill Valley.

Jakes, R. W., died in San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1910

Hostetler, J. W., Napa.

Leach, Wm. H., Napa.

Rumsey, Wm. W., Napa.

Simpson, R. G., died in Modesto, Cal.

Stone, C. E., Marysville.